

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above application is respectfully requested.

There are 3 claims (claims 1, 2 and 23) pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 23.

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1 and 2 and rejected claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sugiyama *et al.* (JP 10059801). Applicants thank the Examiner for his allowance of claims 1 and 2. The Examiner stated that Sugiyama *et al.* disclose compositions comprised of 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclopropane carboxylic acid. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 23 by restricting it to pharmaceutical compositions that comprise compounds of the formula I wherein at least one of R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ is other than hydrogen. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 23, as amended, is novel over the disclosure of Sugiyama *et al.* Applicants further submit that, as of the priority filing date of the present application, those of skill in the art reading the disclosure of Sugiyama *et al.*, which refers only to compositions comprising compounds that are active as "freshners" for cut flowers, would not have been motivated to modify any of the compounds referred to in that reference to obtain a compound of the formula I, as defined in amended claim 23

In view of the above amendments and arguments, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 23, as amended, is novel over the cited references and respectfully request the above rejection of this claim under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that claim 23 is in condition for allowance, said respectfully request that it be allowed to issue, together with the already allowed claims 1 and 2.

Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, authorization is hereby given to charge any fee required for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 23-0455.

Respectfully submitted,

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